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Applicant: Murphy
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Title: INTAKE MODULE ASSEMBLY

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action of December 6, 2004, applicant requests consideration of the following arguments.

Claims 1-16 and 18-33 remain in the application including independent claims 1, 14, and 24. Claim 17 has been cancelled.

Claims 14-16, 18-20, and 24-33 are allowed. Claims 5-8, 11, 12, and 21-23 are indicated as allowable.

Claims 1-4, 9-10, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over on Nakayama (US5575247). Claim 1 is directed to an intake module having an air path extending from an air filter to an engine cylinder head, a first shell forming a first portion of the air path, a second shell forming a second portion of the air path, and a throttle hose portion supported on at least one of the first or second shells forming a third portion of the air path